



the MUSTANGER

What Respect Looks Like to Me...



Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them ~ James Baldwin

A Look Ahead

Nov. 2, 3 & 5: District VB @ Linton

Nov. 5: One Act Play @ Edgley

Nov. 11: NO School (Veteran's Day)



November 1st

Our school website is currently under redesign. If you do NOT want your child's picture on the website or school publications, please contact Teresa.

CHARACTER COUNTS!

This month's assembly was about "respect". Our students participated in an activity to demonstrate how damaging our words can be and once they slip out of our mouth, it can't be taken back. Sure, you can say "I'm sorry" to someone, but it doesn't change the fact that it's been said. Students learned that before



we say something, we should think first and give it the "test": Is it nice? Is it necessary? Is it true? Just because something is true, doesn't mean we have to say it. The last activity was done with our school teams. Discussions were facilitated by our team leaders about what respect looks and feels like here at school

CHARACTER COUNTS....CONTINUED.

and what respect would look and feel like at home too. Those ideas are posted around the school in various locations. The next time you are here, take a look at those posters to see what our students think respect is all about in both the home and at school.

During this assembly we also recognized students for consistently demonstrating respect in school and will display their pictures in the main hallway. The six pillars are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

You are more than welcome to watch our activities or assemblies. The tentative schedule is as follows:

November 24 - Trustworthiness

December 21 - Responsibility

January 27 - Fairness

March 24 - Caring

April 29 - Citizenship



PARENTING WITH LOVE & LOGIC

Does homework have to be a battle? Absolutely not. In fact, the more we battle with our kids over it, the less enthusiastic they'll be about learning. Listed below are some practical and powerful tips for keeping things positive and productive:

Set a time and place for your child(ren) to learn.

To avoid power struggles explain, "This is your time to learn. You may learn by either completing your homework or thinking really hard about it. If it were my learning time, I'd probably use it to complete my homework...so that I don't have a hassle with my teacher."

Help only when it's clear that they aren't tuning out their teachers.

Ask your child, "How did your teacher describe this?" If your child appears to be ignoring their

teacher, say, "I help when I see that you've been trying hard to pay attention at school."

How important is it for kids to know that they should listen carefully to their teachers?

Help only as long as they are working far harder than you are.

Too many children become far too dependent on their parents to complete their homework. It's far better that they don't complete it than have you do most of it for them.

If they don't complete their homework, allow it to be their problem....not yours.

While it's a tough pill to swallow, we must admit that we cannot learn and achieve for our kids. What we can do is allow them to explain their lack of effort to their teachers...and support their teachers in assigning commensurate grades.

We can also match their level of effort with the number of privileges we provide.



Our job here at Ashley Public School is to help prepare students for their future and to create life long learners. Everyone has room to improve...including the school. Part of our continuous improvement is through the AdvancEd accreditation process. Components of that process include 3 surveys: staff, parents, and students. If you are reading this article electronically, we would like to invite parents to help us, as a school, to

improve by completing a parent survey. Simply click [here](#) to take you to the survey link. It takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. If you do not have access to a computer at home, the high school computer lab will be open November 17 & 18 from 7-9 pm. Staff will be available to assist you. All parents who have completed the survey will receive a free bag of popcorn, or if you filled it out at home, you will receive a free bag of popcorn at one sporting event!!

College SAVE Improves Two Grant Programs

College SAVE grant programs have been improved so that more money is available to jumpstart your children's education savings and more people will now qualify!

In addition to all the great benefits of opening a 529 College SAVE Plan account with the State of North Dakota including tax free earnings on qualified withdrawals and state tax deductions on contributions, now when you open an account for a North Dakota newborn through College SAVE's Children FIRST grant program we will match the first \$200 in the account. Families can also apply for the ND Matching Grant and now qualify for up to \$900 in grant funds if you earn less than \$120,000. Don't be left behind when it comes to free money to jumpstart your education using College SAVE. Learn all the details and request information by calling James Barnhardt at 701-328-5882 or visit www.collegesave4u.com today.

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 18-23



In April our Ashley students and MCT will be presenting "Alice in Wonderland". MCT is such a wonderful experience for our students. This year will be our seventh year with MCT. Over the years MCT has always been funded with grants and donations. If anyone would like to make a donation to MCT please contact Jessica Schmidt 701-288-3257 or Teresa Dockter 701-288-3456. Thank you to everyone who has helped make MCT such a huge success in Ashley!

Student of the Month



Abby Petersen, daughter of Bryan and Sherri Iszler has displayed leadership, consistent dedication to her school work, attendance and is typically prompt. Abby is actively involved in drama, FBLA, yearbook, Dollars for Scholars and volleyball. Abby is always there to greet you with a smile in the hall, at the grocery store where she is employed and in the classroom. Abby brings such a brightness and has a kind heart and respect for all. Abby has truly shown what it takes to balance school life, work life and maintain a positive attitude throughout. Abby is one kids can look up to and others can depend on for her to follow through.



India Bender gave a wonderful mini-concert at the Fireman's fundraising event held at the American Legion recently. Joining her for several songs were Abby, Chloe, and Jennifer. It was a night of great food, great singing, and great fun!

What does an animal do to stay safe in its natural habitat? Just ask a third grader and they will tell you! The third graders have been learning about animals and their habitats this month. One of their favorite activities was creating an "animal" that could safely live in our classroom even when a predator was looking for them. After the third graders had created their animal and hid them in the room, we had Mr. Hauth and Mr. Schmidt come and look for them! The third graders were so excited when Mr. Hauth and Mr. Schmidt both needed help finding their animals.



Thank you for helping to make this activity so much fun.

The third graders have also been busy writing this month. They have written and illustrated stories about monsters. Some monsters were cute and cuddly while others were not so nice. They all have such great imaginations! I love reading their stories. They also wrote about the animal they created! Now we are starting to research and write biography reports. If you have time most of our papers are hanging outside our classroom.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA



October was a busy month for Ashley FBLA! The organization welcomed on board four professional members who will help serve as mentors in preparation for State FBLA events. The professional members are: Sara Sathre, Jason Schmidt, Lucas Moldenhauer and Wendy Eszlinger. We are in search of three more individuals who would be willing to become professional members – if you are interested, please contact Ms. Sathre or one of the officer members!

The FBLA organization held 50/50 raffles at football and volleyball games to help raise money for March of Dimes and Santa Day expenses. A big thank you goes out to Kirk and Terri Rueb who donated a healthy portion of their winnings back to the FBLA organization – THANK YOU! Also, thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets to show your support to the March of Dimes and our local FBLA chapter!

The officer team and Ms. Sathre traveled to Bismarck to participate in the Fall Leadership Conference October 4th and 5th at the Ramkota. We kicked off the trip by celebrating our Treasurer's birthday (Collin Martz). Throughout the conference the students participated in workshops, listened to keynote speakers, networked with students



from across the state and were entertained by a hypnotist!

Upcoming Events:

- Pizza Corner Fundraiser
- November 28th: Santa Day at the High School Gym



Santa is coming to the Ashley Public School gym on Saturday, November 28th!!

There will be carnival style games, letters to Santa and **PRIZES!**

FBLA hopes to see you there!





We were thrilled to see the firetruck and the firefighters and learn about fire safety.

Thanks Ashley Fire Department for all you do!

In Science, we are learning about different kinds of animals and one of our favorites is the bat. In our Time For Kids, we learned some spooky and fun facts about bats and we read the book *Stellaluna*. Mrs. Dockter has a game called "Amazing Animals" and we love to play that while finding out fascinating facts.

Halloween theme activities are "spooktacular", we love doing our work with Fall/Halloween parts to it.

First Graders are doing an amazing job with their spelling words and sentences. Mrs. Dockter is very proud.



The Kindergarteners wanted to share what they have done since the last newsletter. Some things that they all agreed that should be shared are:

- Listening is important
- reading our books is fun
- We really like the firemen and their trucks.
- Apple Man really kept us moving.
- Then they each picked one thing to share.
- Noah-I really like music.
- Patty- Computer class is fun.
- Landon-I like rest time.
- Jillian-We work hard.
- John-Music class is fun.
- Dylan-I like making puzzles.
- Eloise-We made bats.
- Katelin-I like recess time.
- Dale-Free time is great.
- Ava-I like the fruit and vegetable snack days.
- We are looking forward to Halloween but have enjoyed the nice weather for recess.
- We will keep working and learning!



FUTURE AVIATORS OF ASHLEY - MRS. MEYER'S 5TH GRADERS!

Wednesday morning turned out to be a great way to end a week at school. A big thank you to Mr. George for allowing the 5th graders to take a look at his airplanes! They learned the different parts of an airplane and what each part does to help it fly! We saw several different types of planes - biplane, ultralight plane, crop dusting planes, and several small passenger planes. Mr. George told us that he has one plane that is used for learning to fly!



4th GRADE

Happy Fall Y'All!

The fourth grade class has been buzzing with activity. Here's our top ten list:

1. Decorated mini pumpkins.
2. Written fall Haiku poetry.
3. Learned about Greek mythology.
4. Pretended we were birds for a fun Science experiment.
5. Took Math outside to find right, acute, and obtuse angles.
6. Are learning the song "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong.
7. Excited to hear the book *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer.
8. Turned M & Ms into a fun estimation activity for Math.
9. Continue to do AWESOME on our Spelling tests.
10. Enjoyed the Fire Department's presentation...plus our hats!



October was certainly a busy month for the sixth grade class! Early in the month the class participated along with the fifth grade in the annual 4-H National Youth Science Day.

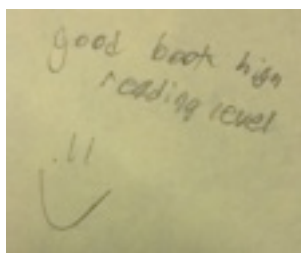
The purpose of the Science Day is to give young students experience using science, technology, engineering and math skills and to spark an interest in related careers in an effort keep America competitive in those fields. This year's theme was Motion Commotion and was presented by Crystal Schaunamann and Karen Bettenhausen of the McIntosh County Extension Service. The students did experiments to demonstrate the concepts of motion, stopping distances, and reaction time. The lessons on motion focused on Physics and Newton's Laws of Motion which the sixth-graders had just studied in science class! The experiment on reaction time made the connection to distracted driving and made the point to not text while driving.

Another big activity for the sixth grade class was the presentation of the play *Ahoy, Columbus!* The play told the story of Columbus's adventures as he sailed to discover a new route to the Indies. The cast was Columbus: Colton Martz, young Christopher's mother: Gracie Hoffman, Columbus's son Diego: Joshua Gordon, King Ferdinand: Darrell Eddins, Queen Isabella: Danielle Gilstad, castle guard: Damian Clements, sailors on the dock : Blake Meyer, Brenden Lear, Katrina Gojkovich, and Jackson Meidinger, sailors on the Santa Maria: Matthew Wolf, Kaleb Thiery, and Bailee Rudoph. Michayla Hakanson did the narration. The class performed the play for their families and the elementary students.

After all that activity the students enjoyed a well-deserved two day break and looked forward to celebrating Halloween. The class also celebrated the birthdays of Kaleb, Joshua, and Brenden during October.

LOVE the LIBRARY

This was a note left on a returned library book. (End Game: The Calling by James Frey) Wow! This is a great way to start my library day! Thank you to the avid reader! Our library houses excellent books that are hand selected. Come check out a great read today!



Book Donations – It is very exciting to receive book donations! Students have been bringing in books that they are no longer needing in their personal libraries to share with others. Book donations are always welcome. A donated book will always go on the shelf if it is in excellent condition and a ©2000 or newer. Our library needs to stay relevant to our students.

Picture Book Month is in November! “As we get older, I think we start to forget how much picture books and the read-aloud experience affected our younger selves, how certain picture books helped shape us into who we are today. Picture books are important because childhood is important. Picture books help inspire today’s young people into becoming tomorrow’s thought leaders. Picture books help create a lifelong love of reading.”

Debbie Ridpath Ohi
(www.picturebookmonth.com)

Elementary Computers

Keyboarding is fun! Here are a few free websites you can use to practice keyboarding skills:

Skills: www.powertyping.com

Skills + Game: www.abcy.com (click on grade level, skills, search for Keyboard Invasions, Cluttergrams, and Cup Stack typing)

Skills + Game: www.freetypinggame.net (desert racers and many other activities)

The most important parts to remember in keyboarding is posture, and correct fingering on the keyboarding.



Sheriff Laurie and Deputy Sheriff Connor came to visit PreKindergarten! They talked to us about when to call 911 and when not to dial 911. They talked about the different parts of their uniform. Fingerprints were taken of all the PreK kids on a Child Identification Card for their parents. Our class made patrol cars with the colors of McIntosh County. We learned our fingerprints are just for each one of us, and that no one has the same fingerprints.



Ashley Sports Club Bingo will be November 28th at 8pm at the Shed. Everyone is welcome! We are in the process of updating the life time membership plaque. If your name isn't on there and should be, email me at ashleysv@drtel.net and I will add it to the list. Please let me know by November 15. Thanks for your support.

Terri Rueb

1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL 2015-16



Nicole Schmidt -7
India Bender -9
Bryce Goettle -9
Tanner Kempf -9
Katie Schmidt -10
Addie Schnabel -10
Morgan Gallagher -12
Brooke Gilstad -12
Chloe Hauth -12

3.0-3.49 Average

Noah Gilstad -7
Nelson Meidinger -7
Kebba Beach -8
Christina Kloster -8
Sara Melom -9
Andreas Neu -9
Nick Paulsrud -9
April Richter -10
Jessica Melom -11
Matthew Rueb -12

CONGRATULATIONS



3.5-3.99 Average

Hunter Gallagher -7
Trey Haugom -7
Alexis Kempf -7
Emily St. Aubin -7
Faith Dockter -8
Caitlin Molter -8
Grant Schneider -8
Kylee Thiery -8
Abby Croker -9
Jacob Entzie -9
Collin Martz -9
Riley Molter -9


Abby Petersen -9
Anthony Richter -9
India Bercier -10
Tiffany Engelhart -10
Thea Entzie -10
Rachel Rueb -10
Tristan Lippert -11
Jennifer Melom -11





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Dist VB @ Linton	3 Dist VB @ Linton	4	5 Dist VB @ Linton One-Act Play-Edgeley	6 JHGBB-Napoleon @ Wishek-4:30 School Board Meeting 7:00AM	7 Elem BBB @ Wishek-10
8	9 Reg VB @ Napoleon WR practice starts Co-op Board Meeting 6:30pm in Wishek	10 Region VB @ Napoleon ElemBBB-Medina @ Ashley-4:30 JHGBB @ Zeeland-4:30	11 Veteran's Day No School	12 Region VB @ Napoleon Elem BBB-Kidder Co @ Ashley-4:30	13 JHGBB-Kidder Co @ Ashley-4:30	14
15	16 JHGBB @ Medina-4:30 GBB practice starts	17 JHGBB-Strasburg @ Ashley-4:30 Elem BBB @ Linton-4:30	18	19 State JHGBB @ Tappen-4:30	20 Volleyball	21 @ Minot JH/JV WR tourn @ Lisbon-10am JHGBB tourn@ Medina
22	23 JHGBB @ Linton-4:30	24 JHGBB @ Napoleon-4:30 Progress Reports	25	26 	27 No School	28 Santa Days
29	30 BBB practice starts JHGBB-Medina @ Wishek-4:30					

November 2015 Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Crispitos Potatoes Fruit <hr/> Cereal Toast Fruit Juice Milk	3 Hot Ham & Cheese Sweet Potato Fries Fruit <hr/> Cereal Breakfast pizza Fruit Juice Milk	4 Lasagna Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal French toast Fruit Juice Milk	5 Barbecue Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Belvita wafers Fruit Juice Milk	6 Chicken Chow Mein Over Rice Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Egg&Cheese Taco Fruit Juice Milk	7
8	9 Grilled Cheese Tomato soup Fruit <hr/> Cereal Cheese omelet Fruit Juice Milk	10 Pizza Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk	11 NO SCHOOL	12 Chicken Patty Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Sausage Fruit Juice Milk	13 Meatballs/Gravy Over Noodles Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Sweet bread Fruit Juice Milk	14
15	16 Pork Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Fritters Fruit Juice Milk	17 Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Noodles Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Scrambled eggs Fruit Juice Milk	18 Shredded Beef Sandwich Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Toast Fruit Juice Milk	19 Hamburger French Fries Fruit <hr/> Cereal Breakfast Burritos Fruit Juice Milk	20 Chicken/Rice Casserole Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Ham patty Fruit Juice Milk	21
22	23 Taco Salad Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Breakfast pockets Fruit Juice Milk	24 Pulled Pork Sandwich Vegetable Fruit <hr/> Cereal Bacon Fruit Juice Milk	25 Turkey Mashed Potatoes Fruit <hr/> Cereal Super Valu Rolls Fruit Juice Milk	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 Pork Patty Cheesy Potatoes Fruit <hr/> Cereal Waffles Fruit Juice Milk				Served Daily: PB&J or cold meat/ Cheese sandwich Carrots, broccoli Cauliflower, celery Cucumbers 1% white or Chocolate skim milk	

SPORTS PARENTING IN 10 SENTENCES

1. word: **Hi.** Greet your child when they get in the car with “Hi” before you ask about practice, the score of the game or homework.

2. words: **Have fun.** In all likelihood you’ve heard this statistic: 70% of kids quit sports before they turn 13 for the primary reason that they are not having fun. Encourage and remind your kids to have fun.

3. words: **Tell me more.** Before forming an opinion or dispensing advice, ask for more information from your child. This will force them to tell more of the story and give you more information as to what is actually happening.

4. words: **Good job. Keep working.** Doc Rivers, head coach of the Los Angeles Clippers and parent of a NBA player suggests these four words. Rivers notes that as parents we are often tempted to say more and analyze their kids performance, but saying only this might be what’s best for the kid who simply needs support.

5. words: **What’s new in your world?** Ask your kids general questions that are not about gymnastics. Even if the reply is “nothing” it gives you the opportunity to share something about your day.

6. words: **I love to watch you play.** Best six words ever.

7. words: So what do you think about that? You know your opinion, so before you jump to tell your child what it is, ask what his/her opinion is. You are not only learning more about what your child thinks but are also helping develop critical thinking skills.

8. words: **Is there something I can do to help?** Before you give a solution or an action plan, ask if that is what the child really wants. Sometimes all the child wants to do is blow off some steam, and we jump directly to “solving” the problem.

9. words: **You are more important to me than your achievements.** You may be thinking that of course this is true. But remind your child of it. In the absence of hearing this from you, your children might think that one of the reasons you love them is because of what they do, not because of who they are.

10. words: **No matter what, I’m glad that I am your parent.** To be loved wholly and completely for exactly who we are, flaws and all, is the greatest gift one person can give another. Please give that gift to your child.

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seeing, doing, applying”*